

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011 AT 9:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES, BRIAN GOSS, AND DON ADAMS. BRENDA ADAMS, COUNTY AUDITOR, DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, AND PETE FOLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

NORMAN VOYLES ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

EMPG (EMAGrant)

Jeff Neal, Morgan County EMA, stated that this grant is already in place and additional points were scored that award the county additional funds (\$3,600) to be used at EMA. Mr. Neal would like to use the additional funds to purchase two computers for emergency support functions. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the grant. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FUND - 2nd Reading

Norman Voyles stated that this ordinance establishes the fund that the auditor will use to deposit funds collected from the ineligible homestead deductions. Pete Foley stated that it is a nonreverting fund and allows the fund to be used to pay any fees or costs associated with the collect monies, expenses of the auditor, and other items as allowed by statute. Don Adams made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

CODE RED

Jeff Neal stated that reverse 911 systems were presented to the 911 committee several years ago. The Code Red system is web based. The system could be set up at dispatch centers, EMA, and the health department. The second part of the system is for weather tracking and is automatically done through the National Weather Service. When an alert or warning is issued by the NWS, the system will call people in the path of the storm. The cost for the two systems is \$19,900 for the emergency system and \$6,125 for the first year for the weather system. The weather system cost increases to \$11,900 for each year after that. Mr. Neal asked that the Board fund the program for next year.

Lori Iler, Code Red, stated that she was having issues with her computer, but since the program is web based, a call can be launched from anywhere in the world. Ms. Iler gave a demonstration showing some of the features of the program. Residents would be able to sign up for emails and text messages from the system as well as receive phone calls. Phone calls can be launched by city, zip code, or zone. Norman Voyles stated that the 911 committee would need to review the system before the Board made a decision. Don Adams stated that he was concerned that if too many false weather alarms are launched, people would not rely on the system. Ms. Iler stated that the alerts are issued by NWS and people sign up for the alerts.

Jeff Neal stated that he would have the topic placed on the 911 committee agenda.

39° NORTH

Jeff Dossett, 39° North, stated that there have been over 48,000 visits to the GIS website. This is a 35% increase from last year. Mr. Dossett handed out information regarding the site visits and information on other services 39° North offers including a redistricting program that Peggy Mayfield, Morgan County Clerk, has been using.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FOR THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL – 1st Reading

Norman Voyles stated that this ordinance was approved on first reading at the last meeting. Don Adams suggested moving Jefferson 3 out of District 1 and into District 4. This keeps Jefferson Township whole and does not affect the population count. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading with the proposed change. Seconded by Don Adams.

Jeff Scalf read a letter he addressed to Pete Foley and asked that it be made a part of the minutes. Mr. Scalf asked that a different district map be used and if not, he would have no other choice but to make a trip to see US attorney Joe Hoggsett.

Norman Voyles, Brian Goss, and Don Adams stated that if a group of citizens is concerned about having representation on the Council, then they need to work to get their representatives elected.

Discussion continued regarding population, citizen participation and motivation, incumbents, and

the division between northern and southern Morgan County.

Trudy Ellis stated that she heard from several citizens that map number three had the least population deviation and did not hear any citizens speak in favor of the map the Commissioners proposed.

Randy Manley stated that he is in favor of the map the Commissioners proposed and he thought the Board was doing a good job.

Motion carried 3-0

ORDINANCE FOR DIVISION OF COUNTY INTO COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS – *1st Reading*

Don Adams made a motion to approve the districts as they are with no changes. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Pete Foley stated that the Planning Commission approved this amendment that changes Section 1-3 concerning minimum setback requirements on November 14, 2011. The new language states “Provided that in the application of this ordinance to minimum setback lines and yard requirements, the provisions of applicable recorded restrictive covenants of platted setback lines shall govern whether more or less restrictive in order to promote uniformity and compatibility of new development.” This means that the Planning Commission will accept setback lines in a platted and approved subdivision to supersede what the setback lines may be in the Zoning Ordinance. Brian Goss made a motion to approve Zoning Amendment #28 regarding setback regulations. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

SMOKING ORDINANCE

Randy Manley, Morgan County Board of Health, stated that when the original Smoking Ordinance barring smoking in restaurants was approved several years ago, Morgan County was ahead of the trend and it was somewhat unpopular. The state is now considering a total smoking ban from all public places and some counties are in support. Mr. Manley stated that the ordinance he proposes still allows smoking in bars and private clubs but the ordinance protects employees. Mr. Manley asked that the Board of Commissioners consider the proposed ordinance as an update or replacement for the current ordinance. Don Adams thanked Mr. Manley for the proposed ordinance and stated that he would like to wait to see what the state does while the legislature is in session before taking any action on the proposed ordinance. Mr. Manley stated that the state will probably not enact a total ban on smoking in public places and it will probably have to start on a county level. Don Adams made a motion to table the ordinance until it comes before the state. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEE ORDINANCE – *1st Reading*

Randy Manley stated that the board felt that the current Fee Ordinance was out of date and the proposed fees, although lower than other counties, are in line with what some other counties are charging. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY UPDATE

Jimmy Waggoner, Acting Highway Superintendent, stated that 1,200 tons of salt was delivered to the highway garage this morning. Crews have been patching roads, cutting brush, and cutting trees. Don Adams stated that the volunteer signup is up on the website and he would set up a meeting in February with volunteers who are interested in helping with road counts.

ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith stated that the state asked for an explanation for the denial of Change Order #1 on Bridge #57 on Blue Bluff. Mr. Smith stated that he would write a letter to INDOT.

JAIL UPDATE

Sheriff Robert Downey stated that there are 288 inmates at the jail; 238 males and 50 females. Ten inmates are on work release, 7 males and 3 females, and 16 inmates are on the jail corrections crew. There are 18 DOC inmates.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Norman Voyles

Brian Goss

Don Adams

Attest:

Brenda Adams, Morgan Co. Auditor